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Community leaders participate in medical center groundbreaking
Photo: June Johns

New Medical Center Breaks Ground

A groundbreaking ceremony for a new West Las Vegas medical facility offering, among other services, a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients, was held March 28, 2011. The new facility, owned and operated by **Nevada Health Care Centers, Inc. (NVHC)**, will be located on the corner of Mount Mariah Drive and Stella Lake Street. The city of Las Vegas Economic and Urban Development Department and Redevelopment Agency facilitated the selling of the land to NVHC. **Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman** joined **Tom Chase**, NVHC chief executive officer, in presiding at the groundbreaking ceremony.

NVHC is planning job fairs that will be held in September and November of this year. More information about the upcoming job fairs can be obtained by calling 702-307-5414, ext. 1352.

In addition to providing a sliding fee scale for uninsured patients, the facility will accept most private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare and Nevada Check Up, according to **Dr. Darren Rahaman**, chief medical officer.

The new facility, slated to open in December, will house the Las Vegas administrative staff on the top floor, with 19,300 square feet of space for the medical center occupying the bottom floor. The new community health center will be one of four NVHC comprehensive centers in the Las Vegas area that accept all patients and offer a full spectrum of integrated care. Physicians will be able to provide comprehensive medical assistance in the new facility, ranging from OB/GYN services to aging-related care.

High-Tech Video Bar Opens In April

A grand opening celebration will be held for another new venue in downtown's burgeoning **Fremont East Entertainment District** on Thursday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. **Las Vegas Mayor Oscar B. Goodman** will assist with the ribbon cutting ceremonies when **INSERT COIN(S)** opens to the public at 512 Fremont St.

Tours of the facility and views of the latest game videos, including one centering around Mayor Goodman, will be provided immediately following the ribbon cutting ceremony. Additional grand-opening festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This new business will create 18 full-time and 11 part-time jobs. Hours of operation will initially be from noon until 4:00 a.m.; hours may be expanded based on patron response.

The brainchild of local Las Vegas **Christopher LaPorte**, **INSERT COIN(S)** is billed by him as the "first videolounge gamebar." The new nightspot will combine a lounge atmosphere with the latest in ever-changing, high-tech entertainment. Video game-themed cocktails, video DJs and national championship video competitions will also be part of the mix at this epicenter of modern entertainment.

The 7,000-square-foot venue has been designed for partygoers and video game enthusiasts, noted founder **LaPorte**. In addition to state-of-the-art video games, nostalgia buffs can enjoy blasts from the past playing video games systems from the heydays of the 1970s and 1990s.



Vegas Ranked As One of Cleanest Cities

Forbes recently rated Las Vegas as one of the country's cleanest cities: Details: <http://bit.ly/e40c7n>

A Bridge To Somewhere In City's Cultural Corridor

Construction is almost complete on a new pedestrian bridge crossing Las Vegas Boulevard in the heart of what is referred to as the city's "**Cultural Corridor**." The bridge, located near the Cashman Center, sits between the **Lied Discovery Children's Museum/Las Vegas Library** and the **Las Vegas Natural History Museum**. It is scheduled for completion in June 2011. More than just a foot bridge, the structure features an LED artistic design created by **David Griggs**. The bridge's artistic element was paid for and coordinated through the **city of Las Vegas Cultural Affairs Office**. Funding for the **Cultural Corridor Pedestrian Bridge** was provided by the **Bureau of Land Management** through the sale of public lands, as authorized by the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. This act allows money from Nevada federal land sales to be used in the state for park and trail projects.



New Cultural Corridor foot bridge
Photo: Michael Campbell



White limestone has been applied to a substantial portion of The Smith Center for the Performing Arts' exterior. The center is currently under construction in downtown's Symphony Park and is scheduled to open in March 2012.
Photo: June Johns



Graffiti art in the 18b Arts District
Photo: Ryan Reason

More than 50 urban artists from New York City, San Francisco, San Diego, San Bernardino, New Jersey and Las Vegas participated this past March in adding diverse art and culture to the exterior walls of downtown Las Vegas buildings. **POP2 Cultural Arts Center, Behind the Beat Promotions, ArsKapa and Blubber Colors** joined together to create a two-day event downtown that featured the **POP2 Cultural Arts Center Mural Program**, with street artists simultaneously painting murals throughout the **18b Arts District**. For more information, visit POP2 Cultural Arts Center on Facebook at <http://on.fb.me/frtud5>.

#1 In Going Green

The **city of Las Vegas** is helping the state earn a No. 1 rank for LEED green buildings. LEED stands for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design. The **U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC)** recently released its list of top states in the United States for LEED-certified projects in 2010, with Nevada ranking as the number one state in the nation. Only the District of Columbia was higher in the country per capita, according to the rankings.

The city of Las Vegas has adopted a policy that all city buildings would be LEED-certified. So far, five projects are under development that are LEED registered, and will have the opportunity to be LEED-certified upon completion. Those projects include the Mob Museum, three fire stations and the new City Hall.

In addition, the city's **Symphony Park** project has been LEED certified, as has the **Molasky Corporate Center**.

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